



## **10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

Thursday, February 10, 2005  
5:30 – 7:30 P.M.  
Tallahassee Builders Association Grand Hall  
3494 Martin Hurst Road  
Tallahassee, Florida

This celebration will honor our community partners who have been responsible for 10 years of service to the girls of Leon County.

This celebration will honor the more than 700 girls who have been served at PACE Center for Girls – Leon since 1993.

Representative Lorraine Ausley  
Honorary Chair and Guest Speaker

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#### EXAMPLES OF OUR SUCCESS:

- 88% of PACE students increased their academic functioning
- 91% have not committed crimes after leaving PACE despite being at risk for criminal activity
- Program received highest rating possible for quality assurance by the Department of Juvenile Justice and Department of Education

**REFERRALS** are accepted from any source, including Department of Juvenile Justice, Department of Children and Families, area community agencies, public school professionals, concerned family members and PACE students. Referrals may be made by calling the center at **850.921.9280**.

**REASONS FOR REFERRALS** include academic underachievement, delinquency, substance abuse, truancy, physical abuse, and sexual abuse.

**FUNDING SOURCES** are comprised of The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Leon County School Board, Board of Commissioners, Leon County, City of Tallahassee, local foundations and private donations.

**THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS** starts with the completion of an initial interview. Attending PACE is voluntary, requiring each student to agree to active participation in the program. There may be a waiting list.

**LENGTH OF STAY** is determined by the needs of the individual girl. Typically girls are enrolled from 9-12 months.

#### PACE'S COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES:

**Education** - Year round middle and high school self-paced curriculum designed to meet the academic level of each student and engage her in the joy of learning. Credits earned are transferable to public school.

**Individualized Attention** - Enough caring staff (10:1 student teacher ratio) to focus on each girl's potential, provide consistent structure and ongoing recognition of her accomplishments

**SPIRITED GIRLS!** - PACE specific, gender sensitive, life management curriculum designed to promote healthy lifestyle choices

**Counseling** - Individual, group, and family counseling sessions conducted to meet the individual needs of the student and her family with staff available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

**Community Service** - Girls required to participate in monthly community service projects to promote self worth and involvement in their community

**Transitional Services** - Unprecedented three years of comprehensive follow-up for all girls attending the program for more than 30 days

#### PACE PHILOSOPHY:

PACE values all girls and young women, believing each one deserves an opportunity to find her voice, achieve her potential and celebrate a life defined by responsibility, dignity, serenity and grace.

#### PACE MISSION:

PACE provides girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy.

